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### REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 8, 11, 13 and 16-20 are allowed. Claims 1-7 and 21-24 are canceled hereby. Claims 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15 have been previously canceled.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by U.S. Patent No. 5,598,994 (Olewinski et al.), Applicant has canceled claims 21-24.

At page 3 of the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, the Examiner indicated claims 8, 11, 13 and 16-20 are allowed, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claims 8, 11, 13 and 16-20 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

It is further submitted that the requested amendments to the claims, submitted after the Office Action designated as Final, should be entered, in that the amendment will place all remaining claims in condition for allowance. Further, the requested amendments to the claims simplify the issues for a potential appeal by reducing the number of claims under consideration and clarifying the claimed structure.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

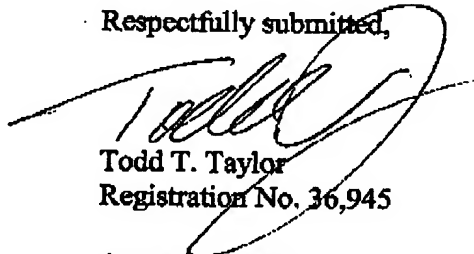
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